Strike notice against privatisation of HPCL and BPCL

65. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRIJ. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various trade unions in the public sector oil companies had served notice of strike against Government's decision to privatise HPCL and BPCL; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the trade unions of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) had served strike notice against the Government's decision for the strategic sale of HPCL. A Committee has been set up to meet the exigencies and contingency plans have been drawn in conjunction of oil marketing companies to maintain supply and distribution of petroleum products unaffected. Also HPCL management has approached respective Regional Labour Commissioners to intervene in the matter for reconciliation.

New retail outlets by Reliance Industries

66. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Industries, who have found gas deposits in Krishna-Godavari Basin have declared that they would commission 1,500 retail outlets for petrol and diesel by April, 2004 as part of its marketing of petro products;

(b) whether Government have granted permission for marketing;

(c) whether Government have taken steps to coordinate in running the existing outlets and the proposed outlets of Reliance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?